

## SUFFOLK NEWS LETTER

**Judge Kilby's Remark Was Effective, the Crowd Left.**

**Net Verdict Aside - Yellow Branch Liquor Fight - Died in Smithfield - Sleepy Hole Society - Successor Not Chosen - Daughter of Confederacy.**

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., Jan. 9.—Without friends, money, influence or counsel, Ben Craddock is saved from a term of penal servitude, and that after he had been convicted of a felony by a Nansemond county jury. It happened in the County Court this afternoon. Craddock was given two years, and the jury wasn't very long about it. Craddock had no lawyer. When the jury reported, Judge W. J. Kilby stepped in with the exercise of his judicial prerogative and set aside the verdict. Judge Kilby was sorry, he said, to disagree with the jury, but he thought the evidence did not warrant a conviction.

Craddock was charged with being an accomplice in the robbery of a pleasure boat. Mr. Bernard Fauth, of Norfolk, took some Northern friends sailing and left his boat in Knott's Creek. Some persons robbed it. Berry Craddock was charged with being one of them.

White was the first day of the January term, Hon. W. J. Kilby, Judge. The following were sworn as grand jurors: Robert R. Allen, R. P. Harrell, John T. Pierce, Joshua B. Harrell, A. D. Miller, R. H. Atkinson, E. J. Matthews, Richard Peel, J. P. Hildgood, John J. Jones.

Three bills were found against Albert White and Ben Craddock, charged with robbing a vessel.

Albert White was tried by a petit jury and awarded two years in Richmond. He had no counsel.

Stephen L. Newby qualified to preside at marriage ceremonies, according to the rites of the A. M. E. Church. He gave bond in \$500.

**SPECTATORS STAMPEDE.**  
The court room was crowded with spectators, and their exclamations were not doing much to purify the air. That was before the Judge made his little smallpox talk. The Court announced very quietly that there were rumors of smallpox in the county, and the conditions then existing in the room were very favorable for its spread. The on-lookers scattered like a flock of birds.

**YELLOW BRANCH LIQUOR FIGHT.**  
There's another liquor contest brewing out in the county. Of course it's in Holy Neck District. That's where nearly all the liquor fights for the past few years have had their origin.

County Judge W. J. Kilby to-day had a petition from citizens near Yellow Branch, setting forth that the signers had knowledge that one Holland had in contemplation the making of an application for a liquor license to do business at Yellow Branch, and announcing their intention of fighting the application in the courts.

The Holland referred to by the petitioners is William D. Holland. He had talked about the license to Lawyer S. E. Everett, but hasn't applied yet.

**DIED IN SMITHFIELD.**  
Mr. John D. Chalmers, a prominent citizen of Smithfield, died there at 1 o'clock this afternoon. He was in health up to 10 o'clock this morning, when a stroke of apoplexy came. In three hours he was a corpse. The deceased was about 70 years old. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Mollie Cowper, a cousin of Judge W. J. and Mrs. Wallace Kilby, and Mrs. W. W. Murray, of Suffolk. He was a brother of James F. Chalmers, 615 East Franklin street, Richmond, Va., and father of John Chalmers, 235 Washington street, New York. There are all told five children—two daughters and three sons. The funeral arrangements had not been completed to-night.

**SLEEPY HOLE SOCIETY.**  
The following receptions have taken place recently in Lower Parish:

Mr. and Mrs. W. Norfleet Harrell received a party of young people in honor of their daughter, Miss Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wagner gave a reception complimentary to their daughter, Miss Grace, who attends Nansemond Seminary, Suffolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Reps Williamson entertained an assembly in honor of their daughter, Miss Regina, who attends Elon College.

Dr. W. T. Jordan gave a party in honor of his son, Arthur, who was home from William and Mary College.

Mr. J. P. Taylor entertained out of compliment to his son, Edward, who goes to William and Mary.

**HIS SUCCESSOR NOT CHOSEN.**  
There was a special meeting of the County Electoral Board to-day, held at the secretary's office, in Suffolk. Present—J. D. Corbett, chairman; J. H. Burgess, secretary; L. A. Deane. The meeting was called to consider the resignation of Chairman Corbett and to name his successor. Several persons' names were mentioned for the vacancy, but after considerable discussion the board adjourned without action, subject to the chairman's call. It is probable a man from Chuckatuck or Holy Neck District will be selected.

The Electoral Board has been considering the advisability of ordering a new registration. It would be a good thing, for it is needed.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.**  
The Daughters of the Confederacy had their regular January meeting with Miss Kate Whitehead, on Main street. It was the largest for many months.

The following officers for the year were named: Miss Anna M. Riddick, president; Mrs. L. F. Crump, vice-president; Miss Hettie O. Harrell, recording secretary; Mrs. L. P. Harper, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. E. Hines, treasurer.

Mrs. M. J. Chusey read an interesting paper relating her experiences during the civil war. Four new members were enrolled. Refreshments followed.

The next meeting will be held February 4th with Miss Sallie A. Finney, at

**WILL GO ON YOUR BOND.**  
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Suffolk College. Then Miss Bessie Cropper will be reader. She will relate the experience of her father, Dr. T. E. Cropper, who was an army surgeon.

**NEW YORK MAN'S WILL.**

The last will and testament of the late David F. S. Forsyth, of Kings county, N. Y., was probated in Nansemond County Court to-day. The bulk of the property goes to the widow and to the children after her death or remarriage. Nearly all the property left by the deceased is in New York State. He owned a farm in Nansemond worth about \$2,000. The witnesses to the signature of the will were Harry Hill, 282 Henry street, Brooklyn, and James J. Thompson, 399 West Thirty-fifth street, New York.

**NEW CARD CLUB.**

There are whist clubs and whist clubs in Suffolk. Now there is about to be inaugurated another club—mostly feminine. It is to be called a card club. The first meeting of the new card club will be held at 3:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon with Miss Janet Withers, at No. 139 Main street. There are just a dozen members and they are all supposed to know the game of whist. No prizes are to be awarded and there will be no refreshments. The club will have weekly meetings.

**A FIFTY DOLLAR SHOT.**

The case of John Ashe, a colored politician, charged with shooting a man, was settled to-day. Ashe was fined \$50 and costs of court. The case had been heard some weeks ago by Justice M. J. Kilby, whose decision was reserved till to-day. Ashe had trouble with Tom Stubbs and shot him through the hand. A woman caused it.

**ADMINISTRATORS QUALIFY.**

John L. Guy, of Suffolk, and Ben. P. Gay, of Smithfield, to-day qualified before Judge G. R. Atkinson, at Isle of Wight, as administrators of the estate of the late John M. Gay, their father. Woodward & Elam, Suffolk, furnished the bond of \$50,000, in the American Bond and Trust Company. The late John M. Gay had a bank account of about \$15,000 on the right side of the ledger.

**A VICTIM OF A GUN.**

The remains of the colored man, Barrett, who was killed in Newport news, arrived at his home, in Suffolk, to-day. The interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery. Barrett a few days ago was married to a daughter of old man Bottoms, who lives on Lee avenue, between Smith and Wilson avenues.

**SECURED RIGHT OF WAY.**

A horse belonging to Mr. Tom Whitfield did a lively run-away act to-day. It dashed into a street vendor's crowd on Main street, near Washington, and they gave it undisputed right of way. The animal ran at right angles into a fence near by; then it stopped.

**NEWS OF PERSONS AND THINGS.**

Licenses were issued to-day for the marriage of George Drewry, 45, to Ida Michie, 26, and Jacob Suggs, 32, to Harriet Christian, 21. The persons are colored.

There was a reunion of the Hosier family with Mrs. R. P. Phinney, at Magnolia Sunday. Among those from Suffolk were Councilman J. Walter Hosier and Mr. S. S. Hosier.

County Treasurer S. T. Ellis was called by wire to-day to the bedside of his father, Mr. J. S. Ellis, of Waverly, who is ill.

Mrs. M. T. Pinner returned to-day from Richmond, where she visited relatives.

Misses Willie and Sadie Shackelford, who had been visiting Mrs. Luther Caulk, Pinner street, left this evening for their home, in Hampton, Va.

Miss Louise McGeue, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. McGeue, left this afternoon for Emmittsburg, Md., where she will resume her studies.

Rev. H. A. Bagley, of Richmond, to-day visited his former home, in Suffolk.

Miss Ruth McCoy has closed her school, at Drivers, some weeks before the expiration of the term, and returned to her home, in Suffolk. The January enrollment of names was below the minimum required by law.

Prof. J. H. Fenimore has returned from a trip to Southampton county, where he had been teaching singing classes.

Mr. J. K. Roberts, of New York, agent for A. Q. Scamman's "Side Tracked" Company, was in Suffolk to-day. He arranged for the appearance of "Side Tracked," one of Mr. Scamman's best plays, here next Monday evening. It's been here before. It made a hit.

**NEWPORT NEWS**

Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Bananana Train.

Arrested in Richmond - James Watkins, an Oysterman, Drowned - Commonwealth's Attorney Newton Resigns - Death of Mrs. Sanger

Newport News, Va., Jan. 9.—The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company has recently put on a weekly "banana train" that is attracting the attention of railroad men and is really indicative of an important trade movement.

The steamers of the Virginia and West India Fruit and Trading Company now regularly between Newport News and Jamaica. These are fruit steamers and carry little freight of any character. Bananas are carried chiefly.

A steamer is scheduled to reach port every Monday. The cargo is transferred to cars of the Chesapeake and Ohio and transported west. This train makes very fast time. It runs on a much faster schedule than any passenger train on the road. It is, indeed, doubtful if there is a faster freight train on any road in the world.

**ARRESTED IN RICHMOND.**  
A white man by the name of J. H. Rollins was arrested in Richmond Saturday night by the police of that city at the request of Chief Harwood.

Rollins is wanted here on the charge of stealing an overcoat from a man in North End, and it is barely possible that the city authorities may trace other overcoat thefts to his door.

Rollins, it is said, was last seen with the overcoat in question in his possession, and when he disappeared Chief Harwood wired to Richmond to look out for the man. Now that he is safely in custody, the chief will go to Richmond to-morrow to bring the prisoner back for a hearing.

**MYSTERIOUS DROWNING.**  
Mr. James Watkins, an oysterman living across the river on Crittenton farm at the mouth of Chuckatuck Creek, Nansemond county, fell overboard from a small sailing craft about a mile off the city this morning at 8:30

o'clock and was drowned. The circumstances surrounding the drowning of this man, who lived here at one time and has a number of relatives in this section, are somewhat mysterious, although there is not the slightest suspicion of foul play in the minds of Commonwealth's Attorney Newton and Chief of Police Harwood, both of whom heard the story told by Mr. S. R. Osman, of Crittenton farm, who was being rowed to this city by Watkins.

Mr. Osman engaged Watkins to row him here yesterday, paying him one dollar. According to the passenger's story, they proceeded on the journey without incident until about a mile off the city, opposite the Casino, when, without warning, Watkins fell from the boat, and after once disappearing from view his body did not rise to the surface again.

Watkins was standing in the rear of the boat with the tiller between his legs, handling the little craft. He did not utter a sound, as far as Mr. Osman could hear, and fell overboard as if he had been stricken suddenly with heart trouble. The passenger, horror-stricken and not knowing the knack of sailing a boat, gave himself up for lost at once. After repeated efforts he finally managed to get the boat ashore, not, however, without watching for some time for some trace of the missing boatman.

On coming ashore, Mr. Osman at once reported the matter to the police, and accompanied Officer Charles to headquarters, where he told his story.

**COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY RESIGNS.**  
It was stated several days ago that Mr. J. K. M. Newton intended resigning his position as attorney for the county of Warwick, this action not affecting his position as Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Newport News.

Mr. Newton yesterday went before Judge Baker P. Lee and took the necessary steps, tendering his resignation in accordance with his intention. The court, as announced in the Daily Press, has designated Mr. P. St. George Wilcox to fill the unexpired term. The term begins the first of next July.

**DEATH OF MRS. ALICE SANGER.**  
Mrs. Alice Sanger, who removed here a short time ago from Augusta county, died Sunday at 12 o'clock at the Newport News Military Academy, where she was employed as housekeeper. Mrs. Sanger was only sick three days, and the news of her sudden death was a sad blow to her friends.

The remains of Mrs. Sanger were taken to Augusta county this morning for burial.

**THE KANAWHA RESCUES A CREW.**  
A special dispatch from Liverpool to the Evening Telegram says:

"The Chesapeake and Ohio steamship Kanawha, from Newport News, December 28th, arrived here to-day and landed part of the crew of the British steamship Gallina, which was abandoned in a sinking condition January 5th.

The Chesapeake and Ohio steamship Shouadth, which was not yet put in her appearance. Although the big liner usually makes the trip in fourteen days and is now three days overdue, no fear for its safety is entertained by the shipping men of the port.

**BREVITIES.**  
The United States transport Chester will arrive at the shipyard in a few days for the purpose of having some repairs made to her propeller. The officials at the yard have been notified of the ship's coming.

Invitations were issued to-day for the marriage of Miss Ellen Giezel Robinson, daughter of Attorney and Mrs. E. S. Robinson, to Mr. Ralph Worthington Crosby, the ceremony to take place at 10:30 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, January 18th, at the Second Baptist church, East End. Rev. T. J. MacKay, the pastor, will perform the ceremony.

Exports of grain from this port for the week ending last night were as follows: Corn, 355,983 bushels; wheat, 24,000 bushels.

Private William W. Gibson, of Company D, Peninsula Guards, Fourth Virginia Regiment, has received his discharge, and will return to this country on the first outgoing transport. Private Gibson's home is in Hampton.

Mr. J. W. Polzew, general foreman of the mechanical department of the Chesapeake and Ohio here, left this morning to attend the official mechanical meeting of the company at Huntington, W. Va.

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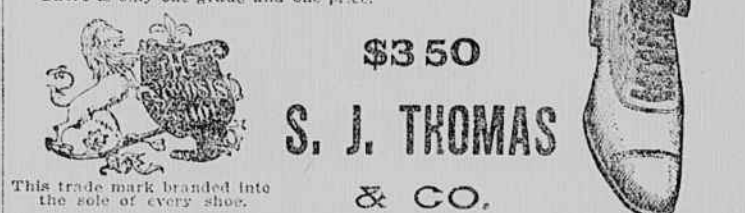
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